MANAGING TRAVELFOR PLANNED SPECIAL EVENTS

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PLANNED SPECIAL EVENT DEFINITION

A PLANNED SPECIAL EVENT IS A PUBLIC ATTENDED
ACTIVITY OR SERIES OF ACTIVITIES, WITH A
SCHEDULED TIME AND LOCATION, THAT MAY
INCREASE OR DISRUPT THE NORMAL FLOW OF
TRAFFIC ON AFFECTED STREETS OR HIGHWAYS



OTHER SPECIAL EVENTS OUTSIDE PROJECT SCOPE

- EMERGENCIES
 - > SEVERE WEATHER, EARTHQUAKE, BRIDGE COLLAPSE, TERRORISM
 - > OCCUR AT RANDOM AND WITH LITTLE OR NO ADVANCE WARNING
- ROADWAY CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE
 - > CONSTRAINS TRAVEL WITHIN ONE CORRIDOR



STAKEHOLDER CHALLENGES

- MANAGING INTENSE TRAVEL DEMAND
- MITIGATING POTENTIAL CAPACITY CONSTRAINTS
- INFLUENCING TRAVEL CHOICE UTILITY
- ACCOMMODATING HEAVY PEDESTRIAN FLOW

MANAGING TRAVEL FOR PLANNED SPECIAL EVENTS

- LOCAL LEVEL
 - > MANAGING TRAVEL FOR ONE PLANNED SPECIAL EVENT
- REGIONAL LEVEL
 - MANAGING ALL PLANNED SPECIAL EVENTS IN A REGION

STATE-OF-THE-PRACTICE

- INVOLVES AN OPERATIONS-BASED APPROACH.
- INCORPORATES EXISTING POLICIES,
 PROCEDURES, AND INFRASTRUCTURE APPLIED
 UNDER:
 - > DAILY TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT
 - > TRAFFIC INCIDENT MANAGEMENT
 - > MULTI-MODAL MANAGEMENT



STATE-OF-THE-ART

- ADOPT A PROGRAM APPROACH.
- FOLLOW AN ESTABLISHED PLANNING PROCESS.
- FORM SPECIALIZED STAKEHOLDER GROUPS.
- · CREATE NEW INTERAGENCY AGREEMENTS.
- UTILIZE MOBILE AND AUTOMATED SYSTEMS.
- INTEGRATE NEEDS INTO REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANS.

PURPOSE

- BRIDGE THE GAP BETWEEN THE STATE-OF-THE-PRACTICE AND STATE-OF-THE-ART.
- PROVIDE A FRAMEWORK FOR ESTABLISHING AN INTEGRATED AND STAKEHOLDER COORDINATED PRACTICE.
- RECOMMEND PROVEN AND INNOVATIVE STRATEGIES AND TACTICS.
- PROFILE SUCCESSFUL PRACTICES.



INTENDED AUDIENCE

LAW_ ENFORCEMENT

MEDIA

TRANSPORTATION AGENCIES

EVENT ORGANIZER

STAKEHOLDERS

SERVICE PROVIDERS

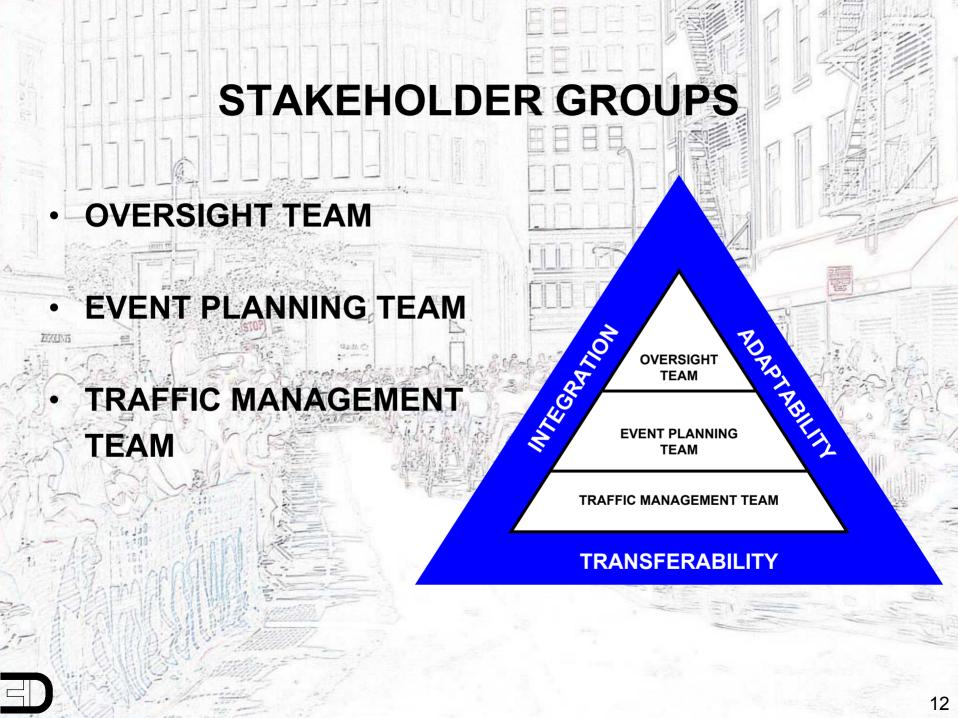
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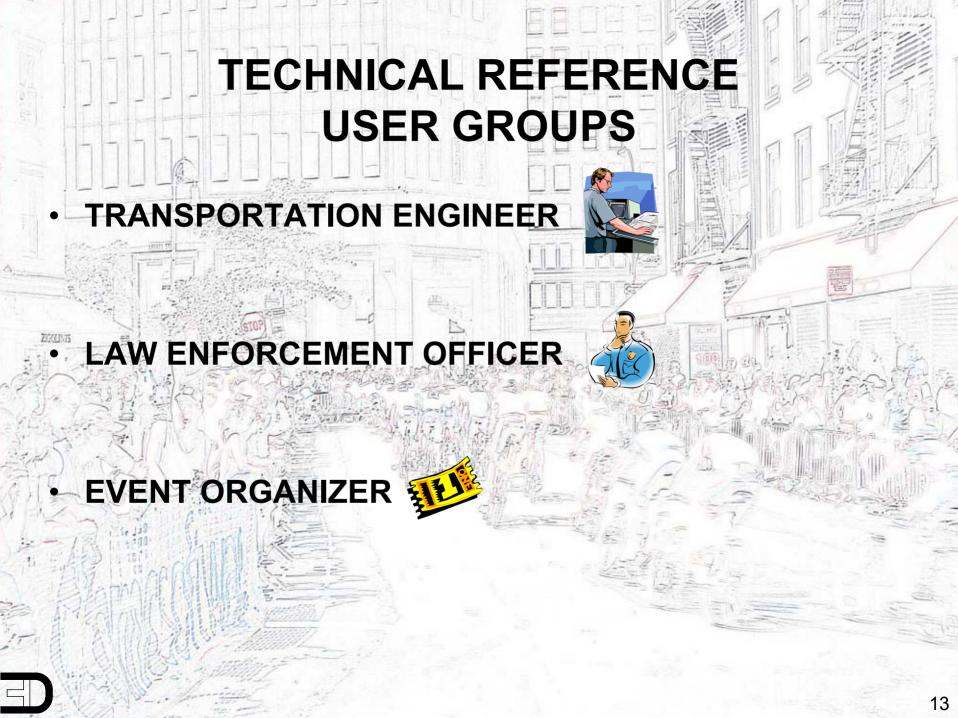
PUBLIC

PRIVATE INDUSTRY

REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

GOVERNMENT AGENCIES





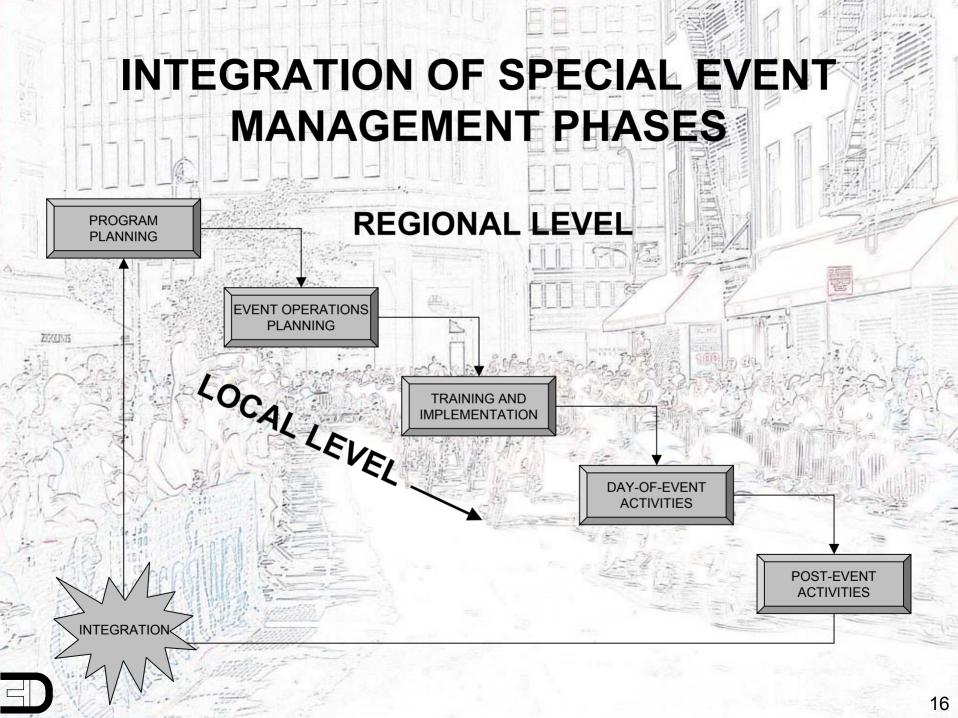
SPECIAL EVENT CATEGORIES

- DISCRETE/RECURRING EVENT AT PERMANENT VENUE
- CONTINUOUS EVENT
- · STREET USE EVENT
- REGIONAL/MULTI-VENUE EVENT
- RURAL EVENT



SPECIAL EVENT MANAGEMENT PHASES

- PROGRAM PLANNING
- EVENT OPERATIONS PLANNING
- TRAINING AND IMPLEMENTATION
- DAY-OF-EVENT ACTIVITIES
- POST-EVENT ACTIVITIES



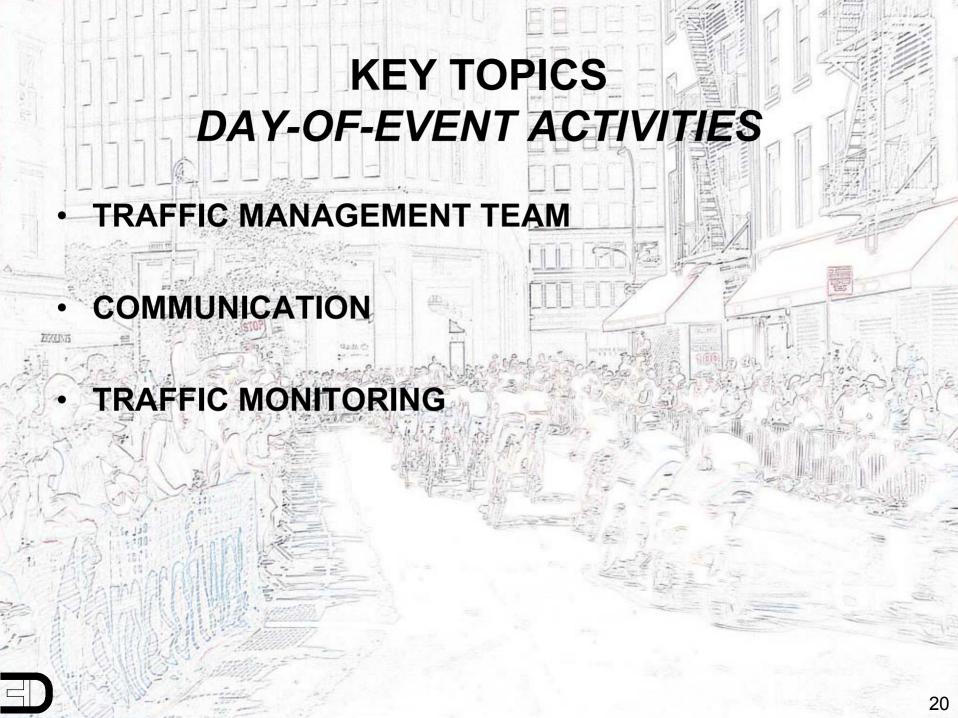
KEY TOPICS PROGRAM PLANNING

- PROGRAM PLANNING FOR REGIONAL PLANNED SPECIAL EVENTS
 - > INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK
 - > POLICY SUPPORT
 - > REGIONAL PLANNED SPECIAL EVENTS PROGRAM
- PROGRAM PLANNING FOR LOCAL PLANNED SPECIAL EVENTS
 - > PLANNED SPECIAL EVENT PERMITTING
- INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT

KEY TOPICS EVENT OPERATIONS PLANNING

- ADVANCE PLANNING ACTIVITIES
- FEASIBILITY STUDY
- EXTERNAL FACTORS AFFECTING SCOPE OF EVENT IMPACT
- TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PLAN
- TRAVEL DEMAND MANAGEMENT AND TRAVELER INFORMATION







EVENT PROFILE

- ASSIGNS ONE CHAPTER TO EACH PLANNED SPECIAL EVENT CATEGORY.
- DETAILS ADVANCE PLANNING AND TRAVEL
 MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES SPECIFIC TO EVENT.
- COMMUNICATES RECOMMENDED POLICIES, GUIDELINES, PROCEDURES, AND RESOURCE APPLICATIONS IN A USER-FRIENDLY FORMAT.
- REFERENCE SAMPLE APPLICATIONS.





CHAPTER FIVE – EVENT OPERATIONS PLANNING AND COORDINATION



Figure 18
Event Planning Team Meeting

PURPOSE

This chapter describes event-specific advance planning activities, summarizes feasibility study analysis steps specific to a planned special event, and highlights external factors affecting the scope of event impact on transportation system operations.

INTRODUCTION

This chapter examines advance planning and stakeholder coordination activities con-

ducted for a specific planned special event. It represents the first of three successive chapters on the event operations planning phase. This chapter will detail an event operations planning framework and schedule. Emphasis is placed on the initial planning activities required to size-up event impacts. This includes conducting a planned special event feasibility study.

A section on advance planning activities describes input data requirements for analyzing the event impact and discusses scenarios linked to particular events that may require

SCHEDULE AND DELIVERABLES

ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHY

STATUS AVAILABLE

• ANNOTATED OUTLINE AND
SYNTHESIS OF PRACTICE

AVAILABLE

DRAFT TECHNICAL REFERENCE

JULY 2003

FINAL TECHNICAL REFERENCE

AUG. 2003



SCHEDULE AND DELIVERABLES

OUTREACH MATERIAL,
 TRI-FOLD BROCHURE, AND
 COMMUNICATIONS PLAN

WHITE PAPER – RECOMMENDATIONS
FOR FURTHER RESEARCH, TRAINING,
OR TECHNICAL TRANSFER

STATUS

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